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POLICE INVESTIGATE CHILD DEATH

San Diego Police Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of a 4 month old infant living in military housing at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar .

Last night, at 7:42 p.m., SDPD Communications received a report of a child not breathing on the military base. CPR was initially started by the infant's father. Medics arrived and transported the infant to Children's Hospital.

Initially, Child Abuse Unit detectives were called to the hospital when doctors discovered the infant had unexplained injuries. The preliminary investigation revealed the injuries were life threatening and Homicide detectives assumed the investigation.

The infant was being cared for by his father, a 22 year-old, active duty U.S. Marine. The father was initially questioned at the time of reporting the medical emergency, but released pending further investigation.

The infant died this morning at 9:07 a.m. The name of the infant is being withheld until family members can be notified. An autopsy is scheduled for Friday, February 19.

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